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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND  
TOURISM TO PRIORITIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF KAPOLEI INTO A JOB  
CENTER IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF  
HONOLULU'S POLICIES TO DEVELOP KAPOLEI INTO OAHU'S  
"SECONDARY URBAN CENTER".

1 WHEREAS, the State and the City and County of Honolulu have  
2 longstanding policies to direct development to Kapolei to manage  
3 urban growth, preserve open space, and protect the State's  
4 unique environment; and

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6 WHEREAS, Kapolei, recognized as Oahu's "Secondary Urban  
7 Center", is a city where major economic activity should occur  
8 and government services should be offered to residents; and

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10 WHEREAS, the State has supported Kapolei's growth through  
11 the development and construction of the University of Hawaii at  
12 West Oahu, Kapolei's State Office Building and Judiciary  
13 Building, Villages of Kapolei, and the creation and expansion of  
14 Kalaeloa Harbor; and

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16 WHEREAS, a significant number of residents live in West  
17 Oahu and Central Oahu; however, the majority of jobs are still  
18 in Honolulu, and this has led to Honolulu being designated as  
19 the most congested metropolitan area in the United States and  
20 the second most congested metropolitan area in the world in  
21 2014; and

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23 WHEREAS, West Oahu's population growth has outpaced job  
24 growth and is exacerbating traffic congestion, diminishing the  
25 quality of life of many of Oahu's residents and resulting in an  
26 increase in taxes to fund traffic solutions; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Department of Business, Economic Development,  
29 and Tourism currently does not have a specific program that



1 supports the development of Kapolei as Oahu's "Secondary Urban  
2 Center"; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
5 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
6 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
7 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and attached  
8 agencies are requested to prioritize the development of Kapolei  
9 into a job center in support of the State and the City and  
10 County of Honolulu's policies to develop Kapolei into Oahu's  
11 "Secondary Urban Center"; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,  
14 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to set goals and  
15 develop a strategy and implementation plan to steer economic  
16 development, including jobs, housing, emerging industries, and  
17 education, to Kapolei and truly make it Oahu's "Secondary Urban  
18 Center"; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,  
21 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to work with  
22 businesses and business groups, such as the Kapolei Chamber of  
23 Commerce, to determine a program of incentives that will  
24 effectively encourage more companies to locate or relocate to  
25 Kapolei; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,  
28 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to ensure that  
29 the incentives are available to any business, regardless of  
30 industry, that meets the established criteria developed by the  
31 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism in  
32 cooperation with businesses and business groups, such as the  
33 Kapolei Chamber of Commerce; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director  
37 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Chairperson of  
38 the Hawaii Community Development Authority; Mayor of the City



# H.C.R. NO. 198

1 and County of Honolulu; and Executive Director of the Kapolei  
2 Chamber of Commerce.  
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Statement of  
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before the

### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

Friday, March 20, 2015  
10:30 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

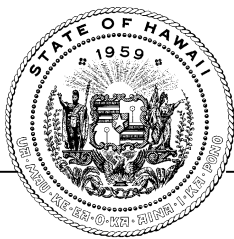
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HONOLULU'S POLICIES TO DEVELOP KAPOLEI INTO OAHU'S SECONDARY  
URBAN CENTER.**

Chair Kawakami, Vice Chair Kong and Members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) offers the following comments on this concurrent resolution requesting DBEDT to prioritize the development of Kapolei into a job center in support of the state and the city and county of Honolulu's policies to develop Kapolei into Oahu's secondary urban center.

The Department recognizes the potential for growth in Kapolei and believes it to be consistent with its statutory objective of finding efforts that offer the most immediate promise of expanding the economy of the State. However, a comprehensive urban development plan, such as that requested, that prioritizes targeted industries most appropriate for the area including jobs, housing, emerging industries and education will require resources above DBEDT's current appropriations. It is estimated that \$150,000 could be expended to conduct this study.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.



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URBAN CENTER".**

Chair Kawakami, Vice Chair Kong, and Members of the House Committee on Economic Development and Business.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports HCR 198 which requests that priority be given to the development of Kapolei into a job center in support of State and City and County of Honolulu's policies. OP has assumed the lead role for coordinating State agency efforts to develop State lands in the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) zone of the Honolulu Rail Transit project. In the East Kapolei area, the State of Hawaii owns significant acreage in proximity to the University of Hawaii West Oahu rail transit station. OP will be exploring the development potentials for mixed use and affordable housing in this area in collaboration with Senator Chun-Oakland's State TOD Task Force and affected government agencies, including the University of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and State housing agencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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**HCR198**

Submitted on: 3/18/2015

Testimony for EDB on Mar 20, 2015 10:30AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Z. Arakawa	Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii SUPPORTS HCR 198, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO PRIORITIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF KAPOLEI INTO A JOB CENTER IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU'S POLICIES TO DEVELOP KAPOLEI INTO OAHU'S "SECONDARY URBAN CENTER." (HCR 198)

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March 20, 2015

The Honorable Derek S.K. Kawakami, Chair  
The Honorable Sam Satoru Kong, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Economic Development & Business  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Kawakami, Vice Chair Kong and Committee Members:

**RE: HCR 198 - Requesting the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism  
to Prioritize the Development of Kapolei into a Job Center in Support of the State and the City and  
County of Honolulu's Policies to Develop Kapolei into Oahu's "Secondary Urban Center"**

On behalf of Avalon Development, we wish to express strong **SUPPORT** for HCR 198 and all efforts that will help build Kapolei as a major job center. Everyday West Oahu residents are forced to suffer through the most congested corridor in the world and much attention is paid to traffic solutions that involve facilitating the movement of West Oahu residents to jobs in downtown Honolulu. We believe that equal, if not more attention, should be given to traffic solutions that will redirect the flow of traffic, allow West Oahu residents to work where they live, and alleviate some of the congestion along this East-West corridor.

We agree with the resolution's premise that, as a government agency, the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) should support the government's longstanding policy of directing growth to Kapolei by developing a program of incentives that would attract businesses and therefore jobs to Kapolei. We also agree that it will be important for DBEDT to work with businesses or business groups to ensure that the schedule of incentives are truly effective and practical.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Theresa C. MCMURDO'.

THERESIA C. MCMURDO  
Vice President



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The Honorable Derek S.K. Kawakami, Chair  
The Honorable Sam Satoru Kong, Vice Chair  
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Dear Chair Kawakami, Vice Chair Kong and Committee Members:

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to Prioritize the Development of Kapolei into a Job Center in Support of the State and the City and  
County of Honolulu's Policies to Develop Kapolei into Oahu's "Secondary Urban Center"**

I am writing in **SUPPORT** of HCR 198 which directs the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) to develop a program that will attract businesses and therefore jobs to Kapolei in order to build Kapolei as a major job center. West Oahu residents already suffer through the worst traffic in the world and an enormous amount of capital is being expended to ease traffic congestion for West Oahu residents who commute to their jobs in downtown Honolulu. Equal, if not more, attention should be paid to alleviating the cost of development through the exemption of traffic impact fees for businesses and developers who are delivering industrial and commercial office space. With more development geared toward producing non-retail jobs, the job center that is Kapolei offers more than just a retail destination, thus individuals have more opportunities to remain in Kapolei for their careers. It offers live work balance for people across a wide spectrum of careers.

Programs that build Kapolei as a job center is consistent with the government's longstanding policy of directing growth to Kapolei and we encourage your support of this resolution.

Sincerely,



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**HCR198**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Golojuch Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments: While I support the intent of the resolution it fails to require that DBEDT to report back to the legislature what DBEDT did to implement the reso, specifically I am referring to: "set goals and develop a strategy and implementation plan to steer economic development, including jobs, housing, emerging industries, and education, to Kapolei and truly make it Oahu's "Secondary Urban Center" The reso also fails to require a list of "businesses and business groups" that DBEDT worked with to enact the resolution. I am requesting this committee fix this or this resolution is just empty platitudes and we the residents of Kapolei have had enough of them. I also ask that you strike every reference to Kapolei as the "Secondary Urban Core" and replace it with the phrase "Future Urban Core". For every time my community is referred to as a "Second" anything it implies that anyone can treat my community as second class and no community should be treated as second class. Mahalo, Michael Golojuch, Jr.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kiran Polk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in SUPPORT of HCR 198 which directs the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) to develop a program that will attract businesses and therefore jobs to Kapolei in order to build Kapolei as a major job center. West Oahu residents already suffer through the worst traffic in the world and an enormous amount of capital is being expended to ease traffic congestion for West Oahu residents who commute to their jobs in downtown Honolulu. Equal, if not more, attention should be paid to traffic solutions that will redirect the flow of traffic and allow West Oahu residents to work where they live. Programs that build Kapolei as a job center is consistent with the government's longstanding policy of directing growth to Kapolei and we encourage your support of this resolution. Sincerely, Kiran Polk

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